

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 42-76 are currently pending in this application. Claims 42-50 have been amended. Claims 1-41 are canceled. No new matter has been added by the claim amendments.

Claim 41 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Tsuchinaga et al. (U.S. Patent No. 7,092,875).

As presented, the pending claims of the subject application comply with all requirements of 35 U.S.C. Accordingly, Applicants request examination and allowance of the pending claims.

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicants thank the Examiner for the indication of allowable subject matter.

As indicated on page 4 of the Office action, claims 42-65 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. For the purposes of early allowance of the case, claims 42, 46, and 50 have been amended without prejudice to incorporate the elements of claim 41. Accordingly, the amendments to claims 42, 46, and 50 present these allowable dependent claims in allowable independent form.

Claims 43-45, 47-49, and 51-65, which depend from claims 42, 46, and 50, respectively, are in condition for allowance for at least the reasons stated above, as well as for the additional elements they recite.

Claims 66-76 are allowed.

Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. § 102(e)

As discussed above, claim 41 has been canceled and the elements of claim 41 have been included in independent claims 42, 46, and 50. Thus, Applicants respectfully request that this rejection be withdrawn.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Applicants believe all claims now pending in this Application are in condition for allowance. The issuance of a formal Notice of Allowance at an early date is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 650-326-2400.

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